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TO: Local Media

FR: Lt. Gary Sparger

RE: Attempted Fraud

The West Lafayette Police Department has received a complaint of an attempted fraud. The method by which the fraud was attempted causes us to warn citizens to never give out personal information over the phone.

In a complaint made today, a citizen received a call from a person who said that they were calling from a local bank. The caller asked for account numbers from the complainant. The complainant declined to give the information and called the bank. As it turns out, the bank had not made the call. It is believed that the person who was soliciting the information was located overseas.

The Officers of the West Lafayette Police Department make this announcement to prevent our citizens from becoming victims of crime. If you are ever uncertain about giving information over the phone, you may call the police department at 775-5200 to ask questions. We are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in order to serve you.

Lt. Gary Sparger, Patrol Commander
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